



City of Norfolk

Health Assessment Process

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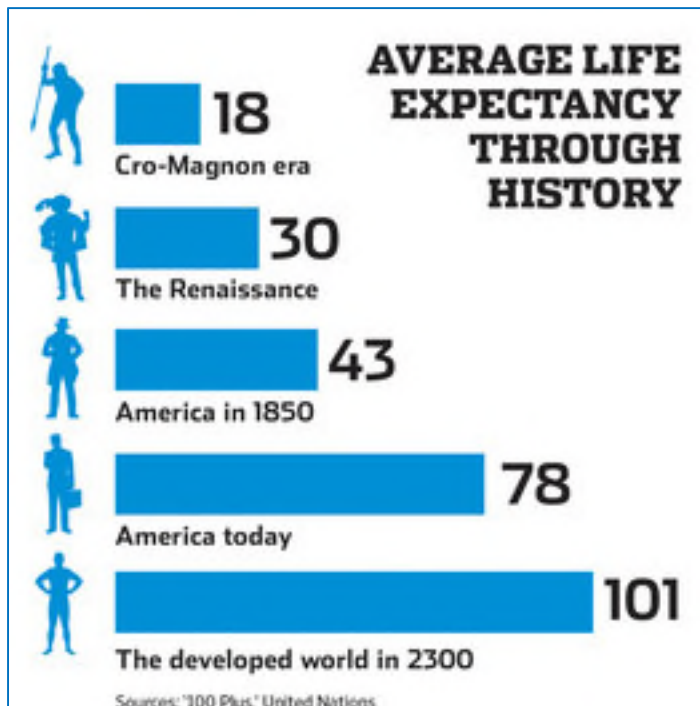
Goal is to Improve Community Health



- Essential Public Health Service
- Vision for Virginia *Healthiest State in the Nation*
- Nationally recognized assessment and planning process
- Health improvement is largely rooted in public health

Public Health Advances Life

30 Years Gained in Life Expectancy in the 20th Century 25 years from Public Health



- ❑ Sanitation, food and water security, workplace safety, vaccines
- ❑ Previous gains advanced slowly
- ❑ Advances for future less certain



The Healthiest City

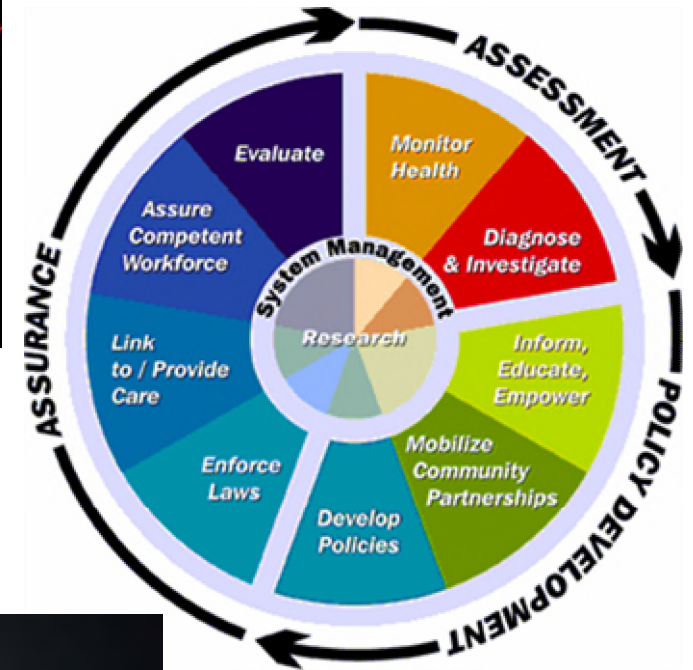
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Healthiest State in the Nation

Working in Partnership for Health



Four Individual Assessments



**Community
Health Status
Assessment**

Community Health Status Assessment

Suggested Categories of Data

- Demographic Characteristics
- Socioeconomic Characteristics
- Health Resource Availability
- Quality of Life
- Behavioral Risk Factors
- Environmental Health Indicators
- Social and Mental Health
- Death, Illness and Injury
- Infectious Disease
- Sentinel Events



Organize for Success/Partnership Development

- ❖ Active Community Advisory Board (CAB) – broad representation
- ❖ Three hospitals – Sentara, DePaul Bon Secours, Lake Taylor Transitional Care
- ❖ City Partners



Highlights

Broad Participation

- Throughout the City and demographics
- Almost 2,000 surveys completed representing all areas and demographics
 - Online surveys, door-to-door, social media, word of mouth, media, special groups, clinical services
- Strong health advocate contribution - 45 agencies



Next Steps

- Consolidation of assessments
- Community dialogue and feedback on findings and priorities
- Final Report with prioritized issues and strategies anticipated May-June, 2016
- Publication and Thank you's via a broad variety of venues and formats
- Transition to Community Health Improvement Process

Youth Participation

- ❑ A distinct perspective requiring a different approach
- ❑ Youth from Norfolk Recreation, Parks and Open Space

